

St. Matrona Russian Orthodox Church
Port Heiden
Alaska

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

ST. MATRONA RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH (NEW)

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Location: Port Heiden, Alaska Peninsula, Alaska. The church is located about 1/2 mile from the old church, near the new part of town.

Significance: The new church is a larger, but not much more elaborate, version of the old church at Port Heiden. The new church features an onion dome on a belfry as a distinguishing feature in the landscape.

Description: The plywood-covered wood-framed church measures approximately 23' x 52', and includes sanctuary, nave, and narthex in a rectangular plan. The gable roof of a partially enclosed porch on the front supports a belltower with onion dome and cross. The gable roof is covered with metal.

On the interior, the iconostas separates the nave and sanctuary. There is a three-step amvon, with a curved portion in the center. The walls and tray ceiling are covered with plywood.

History: The church is obviously of recent construction, having been built in the late 1980s.

Historian: Alison K. Hoagland, HABS Historian, 1990.